

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Howeth Department Store

## 2. Location

street &amp; number Route 33 \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Tilghman \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district Fifth

state MD \_\_\_\_\_ county Talbot

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edward T. and Rose T. Garvin

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.: 886-2398

city, town Tilghman \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD 21671

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Clerk of Court \_\_\_\_\_ liber 527

street &amp; number Talbot County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ folio 211

city, town Easton \_\_\_\_\_ state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state

## 7. Description

Survey No. T-845

### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

### Check one

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Howeth Department Store is located on the west side of Route 33 in the village of Tilghman on Tilghman Island, Talbot County, Maryland. The structure faces east, with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

The southern, gable end section of the Howeth Department Store was built in 1892. It is a one-and-a-half story structure clad in plain, yellow weatherboard. The northern, parapet front section was built in the 1920s and is clad in yellow German siding. The Howeth store is supported by a very low concrete foundation and the roof is clad in asphalt shingles.

The east (main) facade gable end roof has a decorative bargeboard above the southern bays, and a parapet front facade supported by decorative brackets above the northern bays. The entire width of the store is sheltered by a flat, tin roof porch supported by metal poles. The parapet front section of the building is covered in german siding and has a door as its most northern bay with a bay window next to it. The gable end section is covered in weatherboard and has central double doors flanked by a bay window to the north and a two-over-two sash window to the south.

The north elevation of the Howeth store has three windows regularly spaced. There is one one-over-one sash window, one two-over-two sash and one six-over-six sash window. German siding covers about half of the northern elevation from the roofline to the middle of the wall where it is replaced by plain weatherboard.

The western elevation is completely covered in weatherboard. One one-over-one sash window marks the northern bay, and a pair of six-over-six sash windows mark the first and second floors of the southern bay.

The southern elevation is clad in weatherboard. A set of double doors serve as the western bay, and a pair of two-over-two sash windows, and a single two-over-two sash window light the first floor.

The Howeth Department Store is currently being used as an antique shop and many of the original interior fixtures are still in place. A large hardwood counter, once used for the sale of dry goods, is now used to

## 8. Significance

Survey No. T-845

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The southern, gable end section of this building was constructed in 1892 and operated as a store by Mr. Rowlenon until 1902 when Frank Howeth purchased the property. Howeth added on the northern, flat roof section in the 1920s for the sale of dry goods to the Tilghman Island women. Howeth operated this grocery, hardware, and dry goods store until the 1960s.

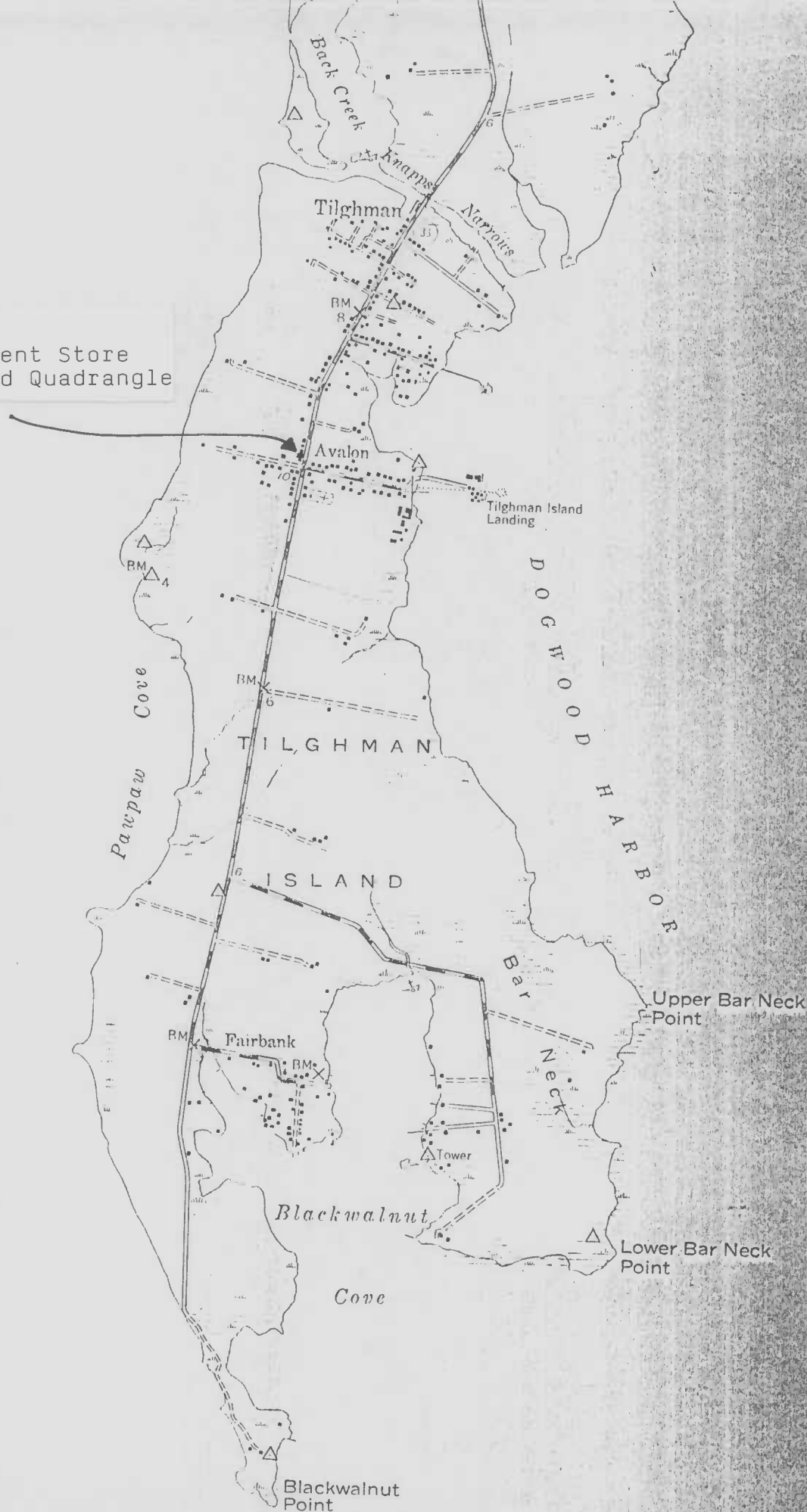
Since the 1980s the Howeth Department Store has been operated as an antique store by Shirley Walton and Rose Garvin. The continued use of this structure as a commercial venture, located in an area formerly known as MiddleTown, preserves the character of this business block. The Howeth Department Store is the largest commercial building in this neighborhood and its parapet facade and large store windows proclaim its special role in the community.



Howeth Department Store description continued.

display antiques. Ceramic tiles which once marked the grocery's meat section are now used for the display of antiquated kitchenware.

T-845  
Howeth Department Store  
Tilghman Island Quadrangle





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